



**Potomac State College of WVU**

**Social Club**

**Spring Banquet**

**Saturday, May 2, 2009**



## 2009 RETIREES

Dinah Courrier  
Steve Shumaker

## TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF SERVICE EMPLOYEES:

Fred Downey  
Jeff Helmick  
Fred Jacoby  
Pat McGuire  
Kathleen Weber

## WELCOME

Michelle House — Master of Ceremonies

INVOCATION

DINNER

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

TESTIMONIALS

Jeff Helmick.....Richard Davis

Fred Jacoby.....Jim Hoey

CLOSING REMARKS — Michelle House





## Dinah W. Courier

Dinah was born in Keyser, WV and graduated from PSC with an A.A. in 1964. She continued her education at WVU earning a B.S. in Ed.- Business and English in 1966. In 1986 she received her Masters in Education with an English Concentration from Frostburg University.

Before her employment at PSC she worked at the Morgantown Business College and in the Mineral County School system.

At PSC she served as Professor of Office Systems Technology, Interim Academic Dean, Coordinator-Retention, Early Start, Social Justice, Division Chair and as the Centennial Chairperson. She received the following awards: WVU's Neil S. Bucklew Social Justice Award 2008, Outstanding Professor 1994, and WV Community College Award in 2001.

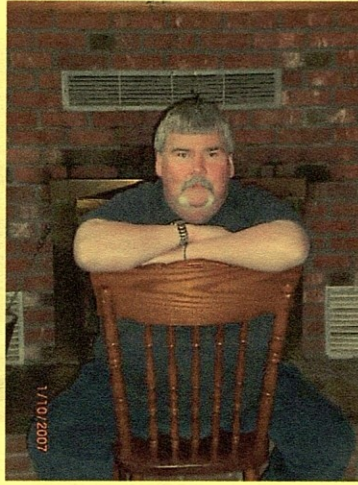
She is a very active community person holding membership and/or office in: Keyser Rotary-Past President and current Secretary, Mineral County Historical Society, Potomac Highlands Guild Board Member, WVU Lutheran Church Foundation Board Member, Trinity Lutheran Church Sunday School Teacher, Lay Minister, and Board Member.

Dinah's husband is James Courrier, Sr. She has four children: James (Jay) Jr., and wife Lara; Tona Williams and husband Carter; Amy Courrier, and Heather Ack and husband Bill. Nine grandchildren: Justice, Jaiden, and Jace Courrier; Luciano Calandrella; Alivea and Caimy Williams; Mariah, Willie, and Evan Ack.

Her hobbies and interests include local and state history, postcards of Mineral County, travel, community service and cooking.

Dinah stated, "I feel fortunate to have spent 31 years at Potomac State College and to have been witness to many positive changes. My greatest joy has been working with students: as a professor. I am proud of the accomplishments of my former students. As retention coordinator and social justice liaison, I hope I have positively impacted students and their decisions. Keep the students as your first priority and the College will continue to prosper. Thank you to all my friends and colleagues who have contributed to a wonderful career."





Fred M. Downey

Fred is a 1978 graduate of the WV State Police Academy and has 33 years of law enforcement experience in both WV and Maryland. He is the Assistant Director WVU University Police Department and Chief/WVU-PSC Police. He is a Theory/Practice and Management graduate of the National Crime Prevention Institute at the University of Louisville and is a nationally recognized Certified Protection Officer with the National Foundation of Protection Officers.

Fred married Dawn (Bishop) Downey 27 years ago and said she is "the love of my life and best friend." They have three children: Alison is a Research Chemist for Mylan Pharmaceutical in Morgantown; Drake is under full scholarship with Blue Ridge Technical College in the Paramedic Program and will graduate in June 2010; Delany, "our angel", is getting ready to graduate kindergarten at New Creek School.

Fred's hobbies include: history, art, music, Sherlock Holmes, my Oriental garden, personal security and prowling the Canaan Valley country side, the shores of "The Bay" or an Off Broadway Theater with Dawnie.



### Jeffrey L. Helmick

Jeff was born in Keyser and graduated in 1975 from KHS and the Mineral County Vo-Tech with a certificate in Building Trades. He received his Associate of Occupational Science in Electronic Technology from Austin Peay State University in 1984.

Jeff served in the US Army at Fort Campbell, KY in the 101st Airborne Division for 3 years 8 months, as an Artillery Mechanic and at Schofield Barracks, HI, 25th Infantry Division, for 3 years as Motor Sergeant. Jeff received two Good Conduct Medals and one Meritorious Service Medal.

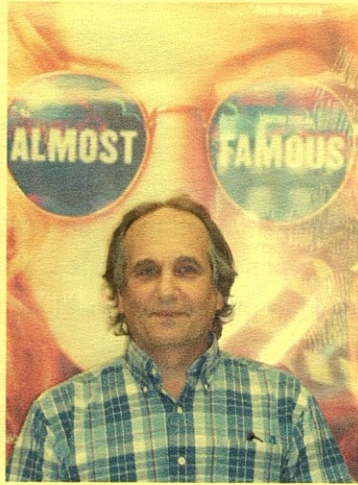
He has worked at PSC as Custodian, Production Assistant, and Theatre Technician.

He has held membership in the 4-H, FFA, and is an honorary member of the New Creek Voluntary Fire Department.

His family members include his wife Tammy R Helmick, his daughters Jennifer L Myers and Stephanie R Helmick and one granddaughter Kadi Lynn Myers.

His interests include gardening, Nascar and target shooting.





### Fred W. Jacoby

Fred was born in Hyde Park, NY. (Home of which U.S. President?) He graduated from the University of Maryland with a BA in Journalism in 1972 and a MS in Journalism in 1974.

He worked as an Editor/Reporter for the North Coast Times-Eagle, Wheeler, OR and as a Writer, NOAA, Dept. of Commerce, Rockville, MD. At Garrett CC in McHenry, MD he worked as a journalism, economics, and ski instructor.

At PSC he is the chair of the Division of Arts and Humanities and Professor of Journalism. He received the PSC Outstanding Professor of the Year in 2000 and was the SSS Teacher of the Year in 2007.

He holds membership in the following: Our Town Theatre, as a member and former Board of Directors in Oakland; Gentleman's Annual Camp Trip as a charter member for 23 years running, "in woods where no women or kids can find us."

His wife, Connie, is an Occupational Therapist in Oakland and his son Jaime is a Massage Therapist and sports enthusiast in

Missoula, MT and son Eric is a Children's Program Manager at The Wisp in McHenry, MD.

Fred's hobbies and interests include acting at Our Town Theatre in more than a dozen plays. He plays percussion in Oakland's rock 'n' roll band, The Remedy, and has played in Irish, bluegrass and singer-songwriter bands.

In summer, Fred and Connie grow a great vegetable garden; they ski right out the back door on the farm. They have travelled to England, France, the West, and of course, the beach.

Fred and Connie (with friends) constructed a log home on Connie's family farm, full of chestnut and stone from the land; the Jacoby boys are the fifth generation to live on the Baker farm.

Interesting facts about Fred Jacoby:

- Earned an "A" in his PSC beer/wine appreciation class.
- Biked (bicycle) the C&O Canal towpath, camping, all 184.5 miles, and has biked to Pittsburgh.
- Hitchhiked across the United States five times.
- Connie still thinks I married her for her acoustic guitar.





### Patricia S. McGuire

Pat was born in Hagerstown, MD, graduated from ACC with an AA in Media Communication in 1979 and completed her RBA at Potomac State College of WVU in December 2003.

Pat previously worked at Kmart at the Country Club Mall. At PSC she has held the same position with three different titles: Learning Resource Asst. III, Library Tech. Asst. III and currently is Library Technical Assistant II.

She is a member of the Mineral County Relay for Life and a committee member of the PSC Relay for Life. She served as ACCE representative for the Classified Staff.

Her family consists of her sister Elissa Twigg and her husband Lenny, and a sister-in-law Vickie McGuire and nephews: Jason Twigg and Cory Twigg (wife Abby), Justin McGuire and Cody McGuire and a great-niece Kylee McGuire.

She likes to scrapbook, cross stitch, crafts, reading and photography.

Pat could not attend tonight because each year the family holds a horse back ride in memory of her brother who died of cancer and it was scheduled for today.



## Steve Shumaker

Steve was born in Frostburg, MD and graduated from LaSalle High School. He earned a BS in Psychology at Frostburg State in 1969 and a M.Ed in Special Education from Western MD College in 1972.

He worked in the Howard County Public Schools from 1969-1972 and the Allegany County Public Schools from 1972 to 1999. He worked at Pharma Care Pharmacy in 2000 before beginning employment at PSC that same year.

Steve is an Admissions Counselor in the Enrollment Service Office and he has received the Outstanding Staff Honoree for 2008-2009 from SSS.

He is a member of the Steelers Fan Club!

Steve is married to Sheri and his children are: Bryan, David, Kristin, Justin, Joshua, Beth, and Madison. He has three grandchildren: Kyle, Noah and Jackson.

His interests include golf and home projects. He was a former marathon and ultra-marathon runner and qualified for and completed the Boston Marathon in 1989.





Kathleen S. Weber

Kathleen was born in Keyser, WV. She graduated from PSC in 1980 with an AA in Elementary Ed, Shepherd College in 1983 with a BA in Elementary Ed and the University of South Carolina in 1995 with a Masters in Library and Information Science.

Her previous employment was at McDonald's in Keyser and she worked as a substitute librarian for Allegany County, MD, Public Libraries.

At PSC she was a Library Tech Assistant III (included: ILL, microforms, serials, circulation, work study students, and acquisitions). Her current position is Library Technical Assistant II (Acquisitions and Tech Services).

Her husband is Bruce Weber and they have two daughters, Megan and Katelynn Weber.

Kathleen likes to spend her time reading and walking.

*A Roster of Those Who Have Served  
Potomac State College for 25 Years or More*

*Ida Menefee	1902-1934
*William D. Anthony	1913-1946
*Rebecca Z. Carroll	1924-1966
*Ernest Kissinger	1935-1970
*Dana G. Lough	1935-1970
*Gertrude S. Stanhagen	1935-1973
*Ernest E. Church	1936-1964
*Kirkland S. McKee	1936-1963
*Ervin L. Dayton	1937-1970
*Nancy M. Miller	1937-1967
*Isabella R. Clifford	1938-1970
*David G. Nuzum	1938-1977
*Mary F. Shipper Byrer	1938-1973
*Albert O. Willhide	1938-1943, 1945-1972
Elizabeth Atwater Alexander	1939-1978
*Leonard G. Withers	1939-1973
*James T. Handlan, Jr.	1942-1977
*Walter A. Jaworek	1942-1972
*Walter H. Boone	1943-1972
*Viola U. Lough	1943-1970
*Leontine B. Nuzum	1943-1973
Richard A. Smith	1945-1996
*Helen C. Criner	1946-1978
*Paul F. Iverson	1946-1975
*William E. Michael	1946-1979
Dewey V. Rotruck	1946-1982
*Helen M. Hartman	1946-1947, 1957-1983
*Allen E. Murphy	1948-1985
*Raymond H. Tasker	1949-1985
*Marion B. Fallon	1950-1956, 1962-1983
Kenneth F. Haines	1952-1996
*Albert A. Strother	1952-1979
*Rosie L. Wilson	1952-1979
Irene B. Hartman	1953-1983
* Alan H. Paine	1954-1982
Thelma L. O'Connor	1955-1984
*Alyce Mae Smith	1955-1985



Oscar H. Gustafson	1956-1988
Wayman D. Hoalcraft	1956-1993
*Elizabeth P. Hanlin	1957-1982
*Virginia E. Johnson	1957-1984
*J. Ernest Staggs	1957-1959, 1961-1985
Jack M. Hartman	1959-1986
*Kenneth M. Malone	1960-1985
Jasper T. Morris	1960-1987
*Mary Evelyn Coffman	1961-1986
*Frank H. Stewart	1961-1988
Charles D. Whitehill	1961-1996
Richard A Davis	1963-2002
William H. Gallier	1963-1992
Betty J. Howard	1963-1989
Larry G. Bolyard	1964-1999
Nancy M. Hockensmith	1965-1996
Harlene K. Ellis	1966-1995
*Betty J. Haines	1966-1993
Francine G. Shanahan	1966-1996
David A. Whetzel	1966-1993
Dallas B. Shaffer	1967-1996
*D. Anthony Whitmore	1967-1999
Robert V. Doll	1968-2000
William C. Edel	1969-2001
Linda S. Lancaster	1969
Jeff R. Miller	1969-2005
George T. Arnold	1970-2005
Jack L. Reynolds	1970-2005
Wanda L. Twyman	1970-1997
*Lester K. Beavers	1971-1997
Charlotte A. Rawlings	1971-1999
Peter L. Paulson	1972-2001
Harlan N. Shreve	1972
John C. Stone	1972
M. Helen Jenkins	1973
Patricia K. Lindsey	1974
Edward M. Wade	1974-2000
James C. Coffman	1975-2005
James M. Hoey	1975
Trevor A. Owen	1975-2002
Gary A. Seldomridge	1975

Henry S. Falkowski	1976
Paula A. Piehl	1976-2005
Debra L. Wilson	1977
Mary S. Becker	1978
Dinah W. Courrier	1978-2009
Terri L. Morris	1978
Carol S. Wertman	1978
John Hawkins	1979
Richard Washington	1979-2005
Gerald Wilcox	1979
Richard A. Bachman	1980-2007
Harvey E. Jones	1980
Karen Campbell	1982
Mary Murphy	1982
Tom Rotruck	1982
Cline Slaubaugh	1982
Lori Harrison	1983
Karen Peer	1983
Mohammad Saifi	1983
Fred M. Downey	1984
Jeffrey L. Helmick	1984
Fred W. Jacoby	1984
Patricia S. McGuire	1984
Kathleen S. Weber	1984

\* Denotes deceased



## **PSC Social Club Officers**

**2008-2009**

President	Michelle House
Vice President	Shawn White
Secretary	Diana Grady
Treasurer	Debra Wilson
Flower Chairperson	Linda Lancaster
Executive Committee	Phil Douthitt
	Mary Murphy

What is life?

It is a flash of a fire-fly in the night.

It is the breath of a buffalo in the wintertime.

It is the little shadow which runs across the grass  
and loses itself in the sunset.

Crowfoot